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PRESBYTERIAN MODERATOR PREACHES IN SAN FRANCISCO

Dr. Clarence Edward McCartney, moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, probably regards his call to the leadership of this great church as a summons to the defense of the faith. His sermon in Calvary Church, San Francisco, August 10, was an eloquent defense of the centrality of the death of Christ in the religion that is called by his name. Without bitterness but clearly and positively Dr. Macartney calls attention to the general turning away from the idea of a substitutionary atonement. Intelligently and fairly he marshalls the facts of Christ's life and teaching and his influence on his disciples, as indicated in their writings, to show that the great central fact was the cross.

But he leaves his hearers with no attempt to explain the death of Christ. It is an absolutely unique, entirely supernatural event, which we must accept and depend on for salvation without asking why or how. "How does the death of Christ save us," seems to him an unnecessary question. In his insistence that "Christ died for our sins," he feels it necessary to disparage ideals and examples and precepts. One comes away convinced that "Christ must needs suffer," but the whole educational psychology of why his sufferings lead us to God is ignored.

Dr. Macartney is a comparatively young man, and the results of modern study on the process of character development have been right at his hand, but he seems to have overlooked them all when he considers that most impressive lesson of the ages, the death of Christ. This cannot operate for character development like any other event in human history. There must be something magical about it. Before we had scientifically studied the great appeals to which humanity responds such a position might be excusable. But now we know that Christ saves us from our sins because love and sacrifice even unto death have a lifting power as universal and as compelling as the power of gravitation. G. W. H.

DID YOU REMIT?

Recently notices were sent to a number of Pacific subscribers to inform them that their subscriptions had expired. While the returns, on the whole, were gratifying, in several instances remittances came to the office without names, or names and remittances became separated after reaching the office, so that in a few cases it has been impossible to credit renewal to the proper subscriber Will you therefore look on your address label of this issue of The Pacific and see whether your subscription has been extended as it should be? If the subscription date has not been corrected since you sent in the amount for renewal, please notify The Pacific Office, 421 Phelan Building.

The folly of the Senate action, in its open insult to Japan is more apparent than ever. One of America's leading missionary statesmen writes, "America's attitude toward the racial question is the greatest obstacle to the Christian movement abroad. The hyprocrisy of our Christian profession is known throughout the earth. Our whole Western spirit and civilization is challenged today in Japan."

Symposium Lauds Dr. F. W Norwood

At the conclusion of the series of Earl Lectures given by Dr. F. W. Norwood, of the City Temple of London, in First Church, Berkeley, during the week of August 18, a small group of men was asked to write a reaction to Dr. Norwood's message, each man expressing his own idea of some one definite phase. In an endeavor to Explain Dr. Norwood, these four men have written of him, characteristically:

A Great Preacher

The man who measures up to the requirements and opportunity of City Temple, London, must rank with the great preachers of the world. All who were privileged to hear either the sermons or the lectures of Dr. Frederick W. Norwood in the First Church, Berkeley, understand why he draws and holds capacity audiences in City Temple. First, his personality impresses you, then his voice wins your attention and more. Its sympathetic quality and flexibility makes it a superb instrument for the expression of emotion, and you respond with an emotional attention. His enunciation is as clean and complete as his English is pure. He has a quick and vivid imagination, a keen sense of humor and dramatic power. These are some of the externalities of the man, but without which he could not be the preacher that he is.

Two other deeper things are characteristic. He is an Englishman and lives in London. All thoughtful Englishmen have an international mind. The press in London is world-minded. Dr. Norwood lives in an atmosphere of world mindedness. He deals with truth with an outlook that is world horizoned. His thinking has breadth, yet does not lack definiteness nor personal application.

The other deeper thing that I heard spoken of more than any other thing in respect of Dr. Norwood's sermons and addresses is his sincerity. He thinks clearly and gives his thought to you directly with no artificiality of voice or manner.

He helped us all to be broader minded both in respect of the Bible, essential Christian truth, world condition and needs. He awakened in some of us a new enthusiasm for real Christian living.

H. H. Kelsey.

Attitude on War

Repeatedly in his lectures, sermons, and especially before the Commonwealth Club, Doctor Frederick Norwood linked the names of Great Britain and the United States pleading for better understanding between the two countries and an entente of the English-speaking people of the world as giving the largest measure of assurance for the permanent peace of the world.

In his lecture on "Law and Grace" Doctor Norwood said, "Instead of an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, let us have a new world; let us get a new vision; let us be done with barbarism that drives nations to such predatory methods; let us leave the law of retribution to work itself out in the soul of the guilty." And believe me that is a very real thing if we only knew it.

Let us think of the unborn children rather than the wolves who brought this disaster upon men. Let us not try to open the future's portals with the past's blood-rusty key; rather let us open it with the key of hope, with the key of enlightened conscience, with an outlook toward the future rather than a backward look to the cloudy way of the past.

See, they have despised our law because it had no grace in it. "Ah, yes, that is all very well from the pulpit," you are saying, "but if you had grace like that they would despise it." I rather think a weary world would have leaped at it; I rather think mothers feel the same in America and in Britain. A boy is a boy the world over; when he dies for his country he leaves a gaping wound in his mother's heart. I rather think you would not be discussing whether the League of Nations is any good, for if we exercised more grace and less law the League would have come as the day comes—when it is in men's hearts it prints itself upon the parchment. When that time comes the processes of disarmament will begin. As it is our war budgets are heavier than ever and the outlook of most people more gloomy than ever. L. L. Wirt.

Philosophical Depth

A humanist after Horace's own heart, "nothing that is human is alien to him;" a liberal keeping step with the onward, upward march of the mind toward knowledge; an evangelist who would have all men know that "only in God do we live, and move and have our being;" a prophet like unto Carlyle's Cromwell, "speaking things and only speaking THINGS." Like all the truly great and wise and good, he condemns us to despair as we assay the task of explaining him. Eloquent without rhetoric; passion sublimated in the task of winning the souls of men; tenderness that never becomes merely sentimental; an ancestral voice speaking of other things than war. He is an articulate soul stirred to continual wonder and praise by the glorious majesty of the love of God. Out of the riches of his soul he bids men welcome to the source of all riches in God. All that he has in companionship with the Divine he bids all men share. As colorful and varied in its amazing grandeur as his own English skies his speech halts the mind in rapt attention.

Godfrey Matthews.

Unestimable Influence

The circle numbers thousands who have been instructed, uplifted, yes, transported, by the words and presence of Dr. Norwood. A man of giant frame and florid face, he has radiated power. Widely studied and modern minded. Dr. Norwood has a flaming evangel. We have had no mightier blend of the modern mind and the ancient apostolic passion. He glorifies the Christ for he loves Him. He leads men to Him because in Him is the power they need. His style of preaching is not familiar to us. It offers a new model. Many preachers who have heard him (and they were present by the score) have testified to fresh courage, new vision, and treasured suggestions.

We of First Church, Berkeley, acknowledge our double debt for we have heard four memorable sermons beside the Earl Lectures. We shall follow Dr. and Mrs. Norwood with affection for their simple hearts, with gratitude and reverence for the deep revealing of the heart of God in Christ. Miles B. Fisher.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETS AT ASILOMAR OCTOBER 8-14

The revised date of the Annual Conference of Northern California Congregational Churches to be held at Asilomar has been set for October 8-14. This Conference marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of Congregational work in this region and part of the program will be given over to historical sketches of the development of the denomination.

During the past weeks the Program Committee of which Mr. James T. Richards of Saratoga is chairman, has been planning to make the program and study classes thoroughly interesting and beneficial. Every effort is being made to insure each church sending the maximum delegation. Special railroad rates will be available for the week-end.

Pastors are urged to encourage friends of the Conference in making posters for exhibition at Asilomar. The composition of the posters may be whatever the imagination of the artist will make it. They should, however, bear the name, place and date of the Conference.

The Conference rates at Asilomar for board and lodging provide special rates for children under eight. For less than conference period, the rates for adults are slightly higher and computed by the day. Send reservations to the Conference office, 421 Phelan Building at as early a date as possible. Following is a schedule of rates:

BOARD AND LODGING

Buildings	Six day Conf. Period	Per day Less than Period
Tenthouses		
Two in a room, each	12.00	2.25
One in a room	15.00	2.75
Enclosed Houses 6 & 7		
Two in a room, each	13.50	2.50
One in a room	16.50	3.00
Guest Inn		
Two in a room, each	15.00	2.75
One in a room	18.00	3.25
Guest Lodge		
Two in a room, each	18.00	3.50
One in a room	22.50	4.00

AMONG THE NEW BOOKS

"Wisps of Wildfire," by F. W. Boreham. This makes the sixteenth volume of these delightful essays from the celebrated Australian preacher's pen. There would seem to be no good reason that the publication of such heart warming discussions should ever end. So great has Mr. Boreham's artistry become that the reader at first must believe that he writes one as the coffee percolates every morning, or as his tea brews. We remember, however, that easy reading means hard writing, and that our author is no exception to the rule. You will like everything in this volume but the reviewer's preference goes to the title essay and to "Sweethearts and Fiddlesticks," "On Picking Peoples' Brains," "A Nervous Breakdown," and "Blind Alleys." (Abingdon Press. $1.25.) G. M.

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OLIVET WILL BE HOSTESS AT BAY ASSOCIATION MEET

The Fall Meeting of the Bay Association will be held at the Olivet Church, Oakland, Tuesday, September 16. There will be sessions both afternoon and evening, the afternoon meeting beginning at 2 o'clock. A supper will be prepared by the ladies of the church and will be served during the intermission between the two sessions. Programs are being sent out to the pastors and will be given to delegates from the various churches.

Since the coming of Rev. J. Vincent Jones to Olivet Church, many improvements have been made in the building and grounds surrounding the church building, so that people will be interested to see the changes made and meet the new pastor and his wife.

OAKLAND CHINESE MISSION

There are six Chinese missions in Oakland, besides a Y. W. C. A. for Chinese girls. All the churches are small and weak. Because of the diminishing population and the lack of adequate co-operation from the Chinese members in sustaining the Congregational mission it was decided, after long deliberation, to close that work, sell the building and strengthen our Chinese church in Los Angeles by investing the proceeds in the new building which has just been completed there.

Last year it cost more than ten thousand dollars to maintain these six missions, more than seventy-five hundred dollars of it out of the missionary gifts of the various denominations. The wasteful competition has become apparent to all who know the situation. But some of the Chinese who had made the Congregational mission their headquarters were loath to give up their home center and proposed to buy the building back from the commercial agency that had purchased it from the A. M. A. They pledged a thousand dollars towards the price asked and are now soliciting from Chinese and Americans the balance of $3350.00 needed. A circular letter has been sent out asking contributions from Americans. This enterprise does not have the sanction of the American Missionary Association. Gifts made to it will not help in the development of a vital Christianity among the Chinese of Oakland.

Geo. W. Hinman.

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MISSIONARY LUNCHEON AND COMMISSION SERVICE HELD AT FIRST CHURCH, BERKELEY

The enthusiasm and the excellent equipment, both in personality and in training, of the three new W. B. M. P. workers, were most impressive to those who were privileged to attend their commissioning service on Monday morning, August 18th, at First Congregational Church, Berkeley. Mrs. Ranney presided, introducing the young women, asking each to give her reasons for choosing the foreign field before receiving her charge. Each of the three, Miss Gulick, Miss Nelson and Miss Day, in the order named, told simply and beautifully the various determining circumstances and personal influences which entered into their decision.

Ethel Gulick, daughter of Sidney L. Gulick, graduate of Oberlin College, and student for two years at Columbia Teachers College and Union Theological Seminary, goes back well equipped, and with well-balanced thoughtfulness and buoyancy, to the land in which she grew up, to teach in the Doshisha School for Girls, Japan; and it was appropriate that Mrs. Merle Davis, a long-time friend of the Gulick family in Japan, should give her her charge. Valley Nelson of Kansas, youngest in a large family, experienced as home missionary teacher and as a nurse in a physician's office, graduate of University of Washington, where she took a B. S. degree and two years of nurse's training, goes out with a fine personality, characterized by a delightful smile, and a strong purpose which she formed when joining the church but which seemed for years impossible of fulfilment, to join Dr. Alma Cooke in Lintsing, China. We could see that Dr. Susan Tallman Sargent, who knows that work so well, was brimming over with real happiness as she gave Miss Nelson the charge to work not only because the work needed doing, but also to work "for Christ." Lucille Day of El Paso, Texas, daughter of a mother who had hoped to go to Turkey as a missionary, but was prevented, and of a father who is a devoted Y. M. C. A. Secretary, classmate of Ethel Gulick at Oberlin, student also in New Mexico State Agricultural College and in Chicago University correspondence courses, experienced in various forms of church work and in teaching various subjects, goes out with a lifelong purpose, great physical vigor and unusual enthusiasm to work in Brouso, Turkey, where we feel so well acquainted through Edith Parsons and Edith Sanderson. Mrs. Jeanette W. Emrich gave Miss Day her charge, and can we ever forget her beautiful expression as she told of her own longing to return to that field which amounted almost to unChristian envy, depicting the tragedies which might await her "in that perhaps the strangest of lands," praying that she might be given the power to see beneath the exteriors either of disease, or dress, or of manners, and see with love the real heart of the people with whom she is to work.

In the name of the A. B. C. F. M., Dr. Kelsey gave these recruits their commissions; Dr. Lucius C. Porter, Dean of Peking University, and author of "China's Challenge to Christianity," gave a stirring address, saying that if we could fully visualize the circles of workers and the work awaiting each of these recruits, we would be electrified with zeal never known before. Following the address, Dr. Nash led beautifully in prayer, and Dr. Pond, still "California's Grand Old Man," in his nineties, pronounced the benediction.

The luncheon following the service was a memorable occasion, rare in spirit and in the presence of so many Christian workers both at home and abroad. There were twenty missionaries present who were just about to sail, and numerous others who had worked on mission fields. There were many other distinguished guests, among them Dr. F. W. Norwood of City Temple, London, this year's Earl Lecturer; Rev. J. Ernest James of Melbourne, Australia; Prof. Irving Wood of Smith College, on his way to travel, study and teach in China; Dr. J. Chauncey Hawkins of Seattle; Rev. Chas. F. Hubbard, pastor of a church in Peking, and others.

As Dr. Kelsey introduced the missionaries, he asked that each rise and say what part of the United States had been his home, from what college or university he had graudated and to what station he was returning for work. Owing to the press of program there was time to hear from only six of these missionaries after the roll call.

Mr. Robert W. McClure of Shaowu, Fukien Province, China, told of a miracle which he had witness in a remote village of his province. There, through the earnest efforts of one student, expelled for immoral conduct after only one year's work in his training school, the village had become Christian, tearing down the temple, casting away idols, turning the ancestral hall into a Christian church.

Mr. Fritz of Mexico told us a bit about his work there during the last twelve years.

Miss Day was asked to speak a few words for the three new workers.

Miss Eunice Thomas of Fuchow, China, and Miss Edith Husted of Kobe, Japan, both seemed really (and we know justifiably) more concerned about our attitude in America than about the attitude of the people of China or Japan. Miss Husted, home on her first furlough, found herself wondering "what kind of people Americans really are" and goes "back to Japan still wondering." As for the missionaries themselves, they soon acquire the right attitude if they do not have it when they start. Miss Husted said "Now at last I feel ready to begin. The first term develops an attitude. In it one learns to love and respect the people for whom one is working. As I return I do not feel like saying 'I am an American come to do you good,' but 'As a Christian I am come to help you to realize Christian fellowship and ideals.'" In speaking of how long it took for her to develop an "attitude," the real Christian feeling of respect for things and people Chinese, Miss Thomas asked, "Did it ever occur to you that it is hard for these people to be the object of missionary effort? It certainly would be hard for us Americans, for as Miss Thomas reminded us, "You can tell an American, but you can't tell him much." She felt that it had been good for her to have to be reduced to helplessness when learning the language, in order to gain greater humility.

Now as for our attitude. Miss Thomas feels that the missionary cause has suffered most at the hands of some of its friends, many of whom have ardently over-emphasized the importance of foreign missionary work. She said, "Let us put it in its place as a department of the work of every church, and not be satisfied until every member is interested in all departments. Let us put it where it belongs because wt love it so. * * And don't go after people's pocket books first. Go after their thinking first—not pity, but sympathy, real 'thinking with.'"

Dr. Lucius Porter was the last four-minute speaker. He wishes we could redeem the word "missionary." He feels that it has suffered because of the "spot light of romanticism" that has been played upon those choosing to do Christian work in foreign lands. If only people wouldn't "coo" over those who have decided to do this work, but would remember that we all should be "missionaries" in the sense that we try to be Christlike in the communities where we are placed. He feels that the word has also suffered because of some of the human frailties of some missionaries themselves; some have been known to disagree among themselves in an unChristian way; some have fallen into theological arguments which are mere "piffle" compared with the importance of emphasizing the really Christlike things; some have tended to play down the people to whom they go in service, instead of remembering that the Golden Rule applies just as much between nations as between individuals, and that the precious virtue of respect is a Christlike one. Dr. Porter appealed to us to get to get to work as missionaries in our own land, "for only as the spirit of Christ gets to work in human life will a league of nations be possible." In addition to praying and giving of money, shall we not think, doing what we can to settle the international problems here in America in a Christian way, for with us these questions are many of them questions, not of foreign, but of domestic policy.

As one thinks back over this lay and over the day following, when many of us waved the twenty missionaries good bye in San Francisco as the S. S. President Cleveland headed for the Golden Gate, one is impressed by the vision and broadmindedness, as well as by the wealth of personality and devotion which these, our representatives in foreign lands, possess. One is tempted to hope, without begrudging China or Japan, or any other nation, the best of everything, that there are many left like them to leaven the unChristian lumps in America, both within and without the churches.

MARGARET M. FISHER.

SOLICIT CHURCHES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

The first special offering made by our churches this year was the Easter gift for our missionary work. The vote of the Conference last October at Asilomar recommended a special offering each quarter. That hasn't come true. The second and only other offering proposed this year will be on September 28 (or some near date) and will be for Religious Education and Young People's work. A vigorous program is otherwise impossible. To explain, to organize, to adapt, to teach, to rally the people, now younger, now older, takes time and patience and personality, to be had only for a salary. We must employ some one with these capacities. The Conference needs $2,000 beyond the money in sight. Offering envelopes, appropriately printed, will be supplied upon application to the Conference office.

This is an important step, already taken by many other Conferences, and quite imperative if we are to move forward in religious education and in a helpful program for the training and fellowship of our young people. How fine if our churches will cooperate generously!

This year is the sixtieth anniversary of the baptism of the First Protestant Christian in Japan, only a little over the span of service of our own Dr. Leland. Today in all churches there are 227,826 members. When Dr. Arthur H. Smith went to China there were less than 15,000 Christians; now there is a Protestant constituency in that land of 750,000.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES
July 31st, 1924

Adin	8.06
Alturas	10.00
Berkeley, First	618.52
Berkeley, Park	35.76
Ceres	68.88
Cloverdale	40.00
Crockett	56.23
Eureka	31.75
Fresno, First	107.50
Grass Valley	21.31
Lodi	175.00
Martinez	83.76
Oakland, First	405.17
Oakland, Fruit.	85.00
Oakland, Plymouth	105.50
Oakland, Boulevard	29.37
Pacific Grove	29.65
Palo Alto	318.41
Petaluma	101.75
Redwood City	261.50
Sacramento	126.49
San Francisco, First	500.00
San Francisco, Ocean View	8.14
San Jose	80.00
Santa Cruz	360.00
Santa Rosa	18.57
Saratoga	310.54
Sonoma	26.75
Soquel	40.00
Stockton	490.00
Tulare	30.75
San Francisco, Bethany	80.00
	$4,664.36

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Mrs. Wingate, 5% W. H. M. U. & B. P.	54.93
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W. B. M. P.	519.94
A. B. C. F. M.	841.71
C. H. M. S.	1,402.57
S. S .E. S.	178.34
Conference	342.05
	$4,664.36

CALIFORNIA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY TRIAL BALANCE
July 31st, 1924

Expense:		
Administration Expense a-c N. C. C. C.	$ 2,503.64	
Annuities	125.00	
Bay Association	3,891.85	
Interest on Loan	236.37	
Missionary Aid	2,674.45	
Miscellaneous	85.41	
Nat'l H. M. S.	27.48	
Income:		
Benevolences		10,485.65
Interest on Bonds		3,161.68
Miscellaneous		50.33
Bonds	86,526.45	
Accrued Interest	2,196.21	
Mortgage Loans	29,323.00	
Bay Association	1,077.66	
East Bay Extension	3,468.00	
N. C. C. Loan	3,000.00	
Oakland, Olivet	7.00	
Wells Fargo Bank		5,000.00
Legacies and Annuities:		
Trust Fund		51,108.29
Cutler Fund		20,000.00
Lucy Fisher Fund		2,500.00
Cuurch Building Society		3,000.00
Sargent Annuity		2,000.00
Cooper-Bull Annuity		3,000.00
Cooper Annuity		1,000.00
Cash	1,402.57	
Bank		28.48
Capital		35,211.02
	$136,545.45	$136,545.45

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS' RELIEF SOCIETY TRIAL BALANCE
July 31st, 1924

Expenses:		
Ministerial Aid	1,544.83	
Income:		
Benevolences		1,031.17
Interest Earned		1,128.61
Miscellaneous		59.24
Accrued Interest	705.19	
Bonds:		
Clift Hotel	500.00	
So. Co. Light & Pwr.	9,000.00	
East Bay Water	1,000.00	
Hobbs Wall Lbr. Co.	985.00	
L. A. P. R. R. Co.	1,660.00	
Mt. St. Light & Power	852.50	
North Bay Farms	4,745.00	
Oakland Traction	1,060.00	
San Diego G. Gas & Elec.	980.00	
Sierra & S. F. Power	2,520.00	
Union Iron Works	4,900.00	
Union Traction	5.00	
Western St. Gas & Elec.	5,618.25	
Cash on hand	88.12	
Cash in Bank	470.66	
Capital		34,415.53
	$36,634.55	$36,634.55

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE TRIAL BALANCE
July 31st, 1924

Capital		$12,267.69
Cash	$ 285.84	
Bank	8,790.49	
Expense:		
Administration Sal.	1,000.00	
Administration Exp.	135.75	
Auditing	27.50	
Insurance	28.33	
Miscellaneous	25.61	
National Council-Dues	587.64	
Office Expense	60.49	
"Pacific" Paper		15.30
Pensions	541.65	
Printing	10.70	
Rent	174.75	
Steno. & Bookkeeper's Sal.	601.66	
Taxes	64.86	
Telegraph	13.58	
Telephone	29.11	
Trustees' Meeting Expense	170.87	
Income:		
Benevolences		1,521.65
Com. on Missions	19.71	
Interest Earned		421.47
Sundry Interest		257.51
Miscellaneous		16.86
Parsonage Rents		288.90
Bonds:		
Rockwell Warehouse	950.00	
So. Co. Gas	5,032.50	
West. States Gas	5,595.00	
Accrued Interest	235.64	
Accounts Receivable:		
Note	25.00	
Oakland, Boulevard	6,889.00	
Berkeley, Bethany	200.00	
Redwood City, Spanish	1,138.57	
Sunset Deed	2,492.24	
Accounts Payable:		
Benevolences		125.06
State Bank, San Leandro		6,200.00
C. B. S. a-c Sunset		225.00
S. S. E. S.		2,177.55
C. H. M. S.		3,000.00
Green Street		8,609.50
	$35,126.49	$35,126.49

BAY ASSOCIATION TRIAL BALANCE
July 31st, 1924

Cash on hand	$ 560.76	
Cash in Bank	840.31	
Expenses:		
Administration	29.90	
Office Exp. Mimogr.	3.00	
Missionary Aid	2,795.63	
Income:		
Benevolences		4,392.26
W. W. Furze		500.00
Cal. Home Miss. Society		1,077.66
Deficit brought fwd. Dec. 31st, 1923	1,740.32	
	$5,969.92	$5,969.92

SUPPLYING AND VACATIONING

Rev. Fred W. Morrison of San Jose spent his vacation in Humboldt county and writes the following account of his observations:

Now that the Redwood highway is a reality Humboldt county will be another of California's magnificent playgrounds. Eureka is an easy two-days' trip from the bay cities over smooth pavement and wonderful mountain boulevards. One travels for many miles through the lights and shadows of the giant Redwoods. North of Eureka is to be found coast scenery not less beautiful than the famed Monterey Peninsula. Camping places of delightful attractiveness are everywhere available.

Our first Sunday in Humboldt found us worshiping in the church at Eureka where Rev. Wm. G. Ogg preached a simple, wholesome sermon that gave evidence of the reasons for his popularity in that city. Mr. Ogg has been in this pastorate over eleven years. He has gained a place of conspicuous leadership in the city and from all indications will likely be there another eleven years. Our church building is large and attractive and located in a conspicuous and commanding place facing the largest hotel in the city and but a short distance from the new civic center.

Ferndale was our headquarters for the month. We found a delightful town of some fifteen hundred people, five miles off the highway and situated in the heart of the rich dairy industry. Mrs. Jessie G. Heath had attempted to resign in the spring but her congregation registered emphatic protest and she remains in that work. The church building has been transformed from an old fashioned church of the New England type into a charming and attractive plant with ample accommodations for modern church work. The spacious nine-roomed parsonage and lovely garden furnished ample room for the supply pastor and his family. One could not visit Ferndale without being impressed with the permanent values of a rich ministry. Everywhere we heard the name of Roscoe D. Douglass mentioned in loving memory. His seven years there left an abiding impression. The summer preacher would find a hearty welcome if only because he was a neighbor of their beloved Mr. Douglass.

Not the least interesting of the summer experiences was the visit to Scotia, an industrial town of unusual attractiveness. The largest saw-mill in the world is located there. Of chief interest was the beautiful new Union church containing a fine pipe organ, both the gift to the town of a Congregational layman, Mr. W. H. Murphy. Mr. Murphy is a member of our First Church in Detroit and an enthusiastic booster for his pastor, Dr. Gaius Glen Atkins.

During our stay in Humboldt we received a call from Dr. Burton Palmer and his family of Santa Cruz and also camped near them at the Blue Lakes in Lake county. En route to Humboldt we visited Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Rathbone at Cloverdale and found them well and happy in their work there.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE ANNUITY FUND

It is to be hoped that all our ministers in the active service and not already approaching retirement will have joined the Annuity Fund in time to share equally in the distribution of probably more than $180,000 to be made to the credit of those whose dues for 1924 are paid on December 31. Send to the Annuity Fund, 19 South La Salle Street, Chicago, for application blanks.

At the end of each year the pro rata share of that year's income from the Pilgrim Memorial Fund is entered to the credit, and applied to reduce the next year's dues of every member of the Annuity Fund whose dues for the year then ending have been fully paid.

If 1923 was the first year of his membership and his dues were $120, this year the $85 from the Pilgrim Memorial Fund reduces them to $35, and similarly for future years.

The larger dues of the first year may be met with a payment of not less than one-third in cash and with a note for the balance payable within two years. Thus one may measurably equalize the cost for the first three years.

Take, for example, a total salary of $2000 and dues for the first year of $120:

Dues for 1924: Cash	$60.00
Note	60.00
Payment for 1925: Net dues for 1925 approximately	30.00
Payment for 1926: ½ note with interest approximately	30.00
Total not far from	$60.00

The payment for 1927 and after would be approximately $30 and, where shared equally by the church, as doubtless by that time it will be, $15.

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CHURCH NEWS

Grass Valley—During the last two or three months, the church building has been completely overhauled and such extensive improvements have been made as to make the building virtually new as to its interior, at least. Rooms have been added both in the loft and the basement which will provide better facilities for socials and Sunday school work. The windows of the auditorium are being changed from the old fashioned ones to opalescent art glass windows. Metal ceilings and side walls have been put in throughout, decorated in a modern artistic way, the color scheme being ivory white merging into old ivory with an opalescent glaze finish.

The Church is looking for Church Building Society aid, which has been virtually assured and which, together with a generous amount secured from local pledges, will be sufficient to complete the building and re-dedicate it free of debt. It is expected that the formal opening and re-dedication will take place about the first of November.

Oakland, Calvary—Recently a memorial service was held for Mrs. Ada Cooke, wife of Rev. W. H. Cooke. Mr. Cooke was the founder of Calvary Church and is also the father of Dr. Alma Cooke, missionary in Lintsing, China, and Mrs. Wm. Bembauer, missionary in India. Mrs. C. F. Hastings sang a solo, "Face to Face with Christ, My Savior," and Mrs. L. L. Wirt spoke for a few moments of her memories of Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, and Mrs. A. P. Peck told of Mrs. Cooke's activities in Mission Work. The service closed with scripture reading by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Thompson.

Rio Vista—Rev. Arthur Bunce, newly elected minister of the Congregational Church at Rio Vista commences his ministry on Sunday, September 6. Mr. Bunce comes to Rio Vista after a twelve years' pastorate of the Congregational Church at Newport, Fifeshire, Scotland, where he and his wife rendered splendid service.

The last two Sundays in August, Rev. Godfrey Matthews, minister of Mission Park Church, San Francisco, a friend and a fellow student of Mr. Bunce, conducted the services at Rio Vista.

Pacific Grove—Rev. James B. Currie has been called to the pastorate of the Mayflower Church. He is at present pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Tolona, Ill. While he has not definitely accepted the call, he expressed his willingness to the committee to accept a call, if it were tendered him and to assume the pastorate on October 1.

San Leandro, Broadmoor—Indicative of the increased Sunday School attendance is the statement made by Broadmoor's new pastor, Rev. Edwin T. Sherman, to the effect that last Sunday "Fifty Primary children had to sit on thirty-six chairs." He further reports that the revised Sunday School enrollment is now 154, and the attendance last Sunday was 132; every chair was filled and some sat on the woodpile at rear of church. In order to meet the need for added space and equipment Mr. Sherman has arranged for a new addition to be built onto the present unit. Thirty men came Labor Day and duplicated the wonderful feat of last October by erecting a building in a day. The new room is 16 by 43 feet and is set across the back of the original building. When darkness called a halt to the day's work the annex was ready for the roofers, the windows were hung and the second flooring laid. In addition to the building a group of volunteer painters gave the original building a coat of paint. Admission Day will be another work day when the new building will be painted and other tasks completed. Mr. Sherman came to Broadmoor on August 1st and has been the inspiration for a very busy, happy month for both pastor and people.

Mill Valley—The church has been acceptably ministered to through the summer by P. W Hirst, a theological student in San Francisco Theological Seminary last year, but who has entered the Pacific School of Religion to continue his studies He has been engaged until January by the Mill Valley church. The church school at Mill Valley is making good progress under Mr. Hirst's leadership. A Bible class of young people are so interested in their work that the Sunday hour is not long enough for them. They meet on Saturday evening and are discussing, with reverence and earnestness, the conclusions of modern scholarship in regard to the church and Biblical study.

North Church, Berkeley, has asked Dr. Wm. Rader to act as stated supply until next June. Dr. Rader has been supply there since the departure of Rev. Ralph B. Larkin. Whether or not Dr. Rader will accept has not yet been decided.

Rev. W. J. Thompson, pastor at Calvary Congregational Church, is spending his vacation in Vancouver, B. C., filling the pulpit of First Congregational Church in Vancouver during the month of August.

CHINESE SOLDIERS SHOW EAGERNESS FOR THE BIBLE

The following is an account by Carleton Lacy, of the China Agency of the American Bible Society, of one of his meetings with Brigadier-General Chang Tze-chiang. How the Bible inspired a Chinese soldier to preach the gospel and how the words of the Proverbs have direct application to his own problems and those of his fellowmen is described in this unusual story with regard to the interest of the Chinese soldiers in the Bible:

At 2:30 on Easter afternoon, six of us sat down to lunch with Brigadier-General Chang Tze-chiang in his headquarters at Tungchow. It was a simple meal; yet our host passed up two courses with the quiet apology that he was a vegetarian. "The first chapter of Daniel made me so," he explained.

The meal over, we pushed back our chairs and gathered around the little General in an eager group. He had promised to tell the story of his conversion, and that of the battle of Chengchow, for which he had been decorated by the President of China. Mr. Davis (George T. B. Davis), Secretary of the Pocket Testament League), was ready with his pencil and pad. He intended to get every word of that priceless interview, and three of us were there to interpret. For us who could understand the General's eloquent and dramatic narrative, the next two hours were filled with inspiration and delight. For Davis ,I think ,it was a trial of patience. He remarked afterwards that his interpreters acted as though they were hypnotized. We were. It was quite impossible to interrupt that thrilling recital of events which had made of this modest, unknown soldier a national hero, whose life and testimony were radiant with the indwelling presence of Jesus Christ.

Again and again, as he told his story, General Chang jumped from his chair and seized his Bible to read some loved passage that had really taken hold and shaped his life. He read from the Psalms, from Jeremiah, from Daniel, from Proverbs, from Samuel. The story of David and Goliath was linked up with the words of Proverbs:

There is no wisdom nor understanding
Nor counsel against Jehovah,
The horse is prepared against the day
of battle;
But victory is of Jehovah."

And the whole passage was personally applied in his effort to restore order in the ravaged province of Shensi. The heroic declaration of the Hebrews in Babylon had become the motto of the warrior in the face of overwhelming forces, — "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us,— but if not,—we will not serve thy gods," and had steeled his allegiance in constant loyalty to the Lord. "Thy God, whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee" had become his shield and buckler in war and in peace.

After we had been photographed together and were sitting informally about the General's desk, I asked him to let me see his Bible. He had referred to Ezekiel 3:10 and 71, and I turned to read the words which had placed on a Chinese soldier the conviction that he must preach the gospel. The whole page was heavily lined with various ink and pencil marks, but this verse stood out,— "When I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jevohah." Then I understood how on the preceding Good Friday this commander of the camp had preached in Jefferson Academy what was termed "one of the greatest sermons our students have ever heard."

With that Bible in my hands I could not resist running over its pages; there was scarcely one unmarked. It was the Bible of a very diligent student. It proved the truth of his assertion, "I spend about a third of my day in Bible study and I am always finding new truth and new blessing." Perhaps that explained the events of the morning. For several days there had been special religious services in the camp. The Secretary of the pocket Testament League had been urging the soldiers to a more diligent, persistent study of the Scriptures. At noon on that memorable Easter Monday four thousand men in uniform marched past the tables and received from the hands of their colonels each a pocket Testament. Then with the open book held high overhead each soldier solemnly swore to read a portion every day and seek to bring its message into the life of another man. Most of them will keep that pledge, for before them is their brigade commander, Chang Tze-chiang, a worthy example and inspiration to earnest Bible study and consecrated, manly living.

MR. PYE REPORTS GREAT GAINS

In a recent letter from Watts O. Pye, he gives an account of his recent trip through his church field in Shensi, Northern China. He says: "We were not able to visit all the churches during that time for the number is now over 200, but we made the majority of the main centers. During the trip 997 men and women were baptized and received into the fellowship of the church—just three less than a thousand. This work has been accomplished almost entirely by men who were trained in the school here in Fenchow."

ANNOUNCE WOMEN'S MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific will be held in the First Congregational Church, San Francisco, September 16th and 17th. Save the dates and come. There will be speeches from several missionaries, including Miss Nina Rice who is home from Greece. Mrs. Blosser, whose courses were so popular at Asilomar, will have an hour on Methods and Programs. Tuesday evening there will be a big get-together dinner at the Church. It is hoped that every Northern California Church will send a delegate. The delegates wishing entertainment should send in their names at once to Mrs. F. F. Barbour, 509 Fairmount Avenue, Oakland, as the accommodations are limited. Every hour of the two days will be full of interest and inspiration for the winter's work.

WOMEN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS ASKS LARGER CONTRIBUTIONS

The gifts for the W. B. M. P. this year have fallen about $10,000 less than the budget. About $2500 may be expected in refunds but unless large gifts come in August, on September 1st when the books close, the Board must draw more heavily on the Conservation Fund income than seems wise. After hearing the three splendid girls at the Commission Service and realizing what they will mean to the fields where they are going, we feel sure that there are some who would like to "go a second mile" this year and stand under the work more generously. Checks may be sent to Mrs. W. C. Blasdale, 2514 College Avenue, Berkeley, California.

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